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1. Communist authorities in Huiyang, Tungkuang and Facan have received orders from their superiors to register and organize all able-bodied persons between the ages of 18 and 35 before mid-August. The farmers' associations will supervise the registration of these persons and the political workers of the respective towns and villages will indoctrinate them. They will then be formed into people's volunteer security reserve corps for duty in their native villages. The purpose of this movement is:
 - a. To prevent the escape of able-bodied persons.
 - b. To build a manpower resource for future replenishments of regular troops.
 - c. To prevent able-bodied persons from joining the guerrillas.
 - d. To prepare for "clean-up the land" tactics when necessary.
2. Since the start of the second campaign to recruit youths, Communist authorities in Kwangtung have ordered all enlistment committees of hsien to order and encourage youths and students to join the military forces. The conscriptees will be trained in Hankow and the first group of 1,800 men left on 14 July on the Hankow-Canton Railway for Hankow. The second and third groups of 1,600 men each left on 16 and 17 July, and the fourth and fifth groups of 2,000 men each left on 19 and 20 July. An examination was given to all conscriptees by the Kwangtung Military and Administrative Committee.
3. Communist authorities in Kwangtung have strengthened their control over all former Nationalist Government workers and Kuomintang members. These persons have been interviewed and questioned and have been told that they should not change their addresses for the next six months. Those wishing to travel within the city must first report to the neighborhood chief who will then relay the information to the police station for approval. Upon completion of a trip, a report on the trip will be made and kept on file at the police station.

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4. The summer grain levy has been started in Kwangtung. The taxes amount to that which had been obtained for the past year and are to be paid before the end of September. All land reform teams have been assigned to check on the quality of the grain and to encourage the people to voluntarily pay their taxes. It is believed that most of the farmers will be unable to pay their taxes because of the damage caused by summer floods and of the drain on man power made by the government.
5. Communist authorities in Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) have stopped their land reform program. The authorities fear that the enforcement of the land reform program may cause dire consequences because the people are suffering from a grain shortage.
6. Communist authorities in Huiyang have recently permitted families who have had members executed under false charges to make counter-accusations. The purpose of this action appears to be a Communist attempt to lessen the rage and enmity of these families. However, many of the persons making counter-accusations have been threatened by Communist staff members.
7. A recent public opinion poll on the people's support for the government in the event of a war conducted by Communist officials in Huiyang revealed that 65 percent refused to give any comment, 20 percent refused to support the government because of family burdens, and 15 percent showed willingness of supporting the government.

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